

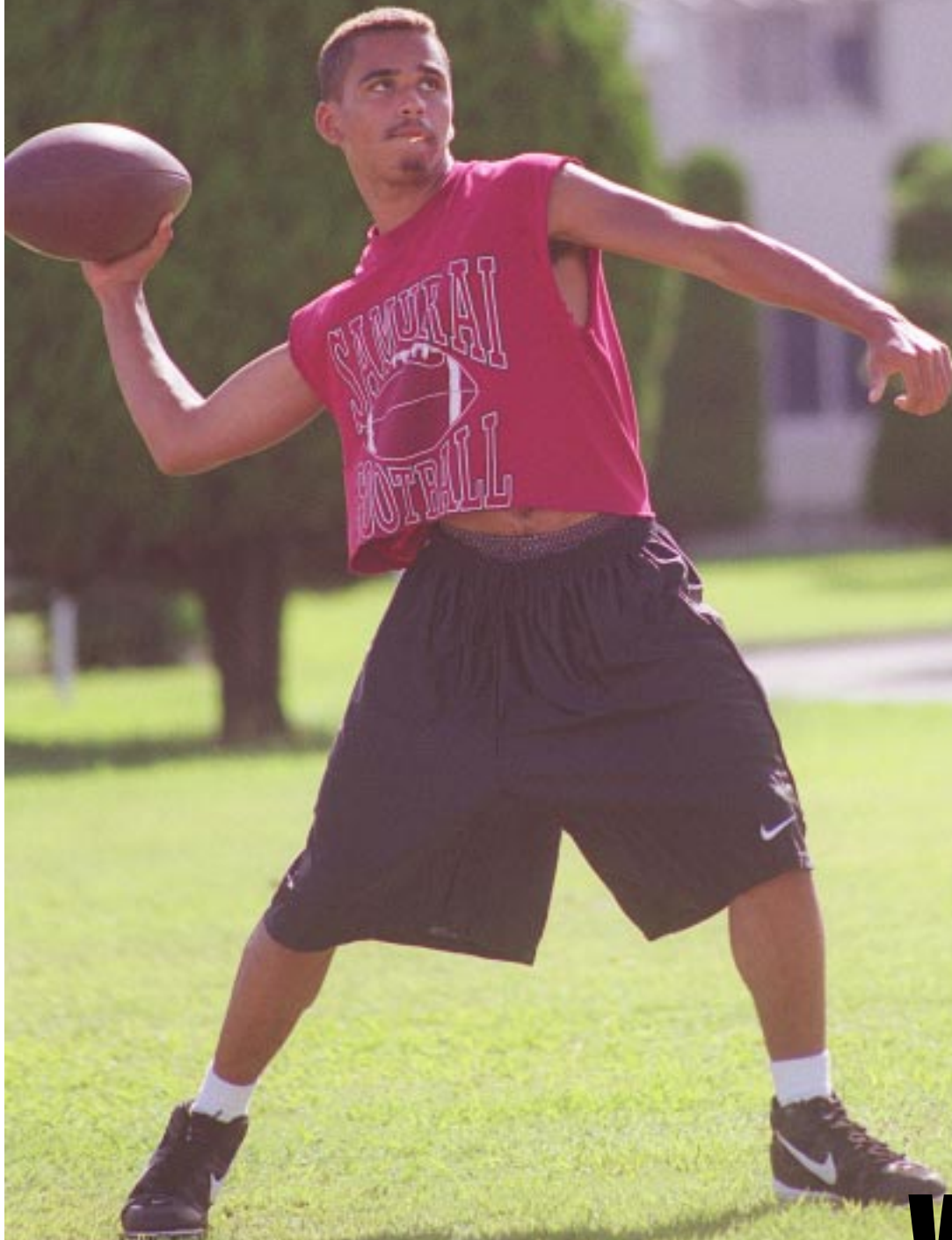
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JCI, formula for disaster

by SSgt. Lawrence Torres III
Public Affairs Chief

The dreaded letters "JCI" (Japanese Compulsory Insurance) slowly made their way into my life recently. It gave me a new insight to why the air station strives so hard to support everyone with this dreaded inspection.

It all started while reading the *Torii Teller*. I saw the new policy on JCI being done at the Northside Service Station and did not even pay attention to it. I have an Okinawan wife and we could save a lot of money by driving to Hiroshima to do it ourselves. Why go through all of the appointments and headaches of doing everything one mile away from our midrise apartment, right? To add to the "ignoring factor," my wife asked me several times to check the vehicle to ensure that everything was working properly. I never checked a thing. Hey, I had a wife that could speak the language and could swing some deals if we don't pass. I knew the inspection would be a cakewalk.

On the day of the inspection not only did the cake walk on me, but I also felt like Fred Flinstone getting the "I told you so" from Wilma.

It was bad right from the start. I dragged my two sons and wife into a car with no air conditioning, out in the middle of the first day of hot weather in Iwakuni. We arrived at the insurance company's office an hour early because I didn't check the opening time like my wife had asked me to do.

We then made a two-hour drive to Hiroshima. It was an ordinary drive. It was compounded by kids bathroom stops, hot weather, construction and work-day traffic—you get the picture.

We arrived just in time for lunch. So we had to wait another hour for the inspection and then it would be all over, right?

"Excuse me sir ... you need a new light reflector," said the attendant in Japanese. "The parts store is not far from here."

My wife got the directions and we started the drive around Hiroshima to

find the part — and we kept looking and looking. After almost two hours of driving, "asking direction" stops and super polite conversations with my wife, we discovered the Toyota parts oasis. It was so far away — only five



photo by SSgt. Lawrence Torres III

This is the view of the JCI inspection line in Hiroshima. All signs, markers and instructions are in Japanese. All drivers must be able to read and follow the instructions, because each step is done on their own.

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Our Cover

Thomas Brooks, 15 and Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai wide receiver, heaves the ball to warm-up for practice. The Samurai are conducting two-a-days in preparation for the upcoming season. (photo by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn)

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News Briefs

Hiroshima Advisory

Servicemembers and their families are reminded that large activities will be taking place today through Aug. 11 in conjunction with the anniversary of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Visiting these historic sites is not recommended during this time. If travel to these areas is necessary, servicemembers should avoid confrontation with protestors or political groups. Visitors are reminded to be cautious when giving money to groups claiming to support bombing victims.

Animal Control

Residents are reminded that all domestic pets, while outdoors, must be on a leash or otherwise restrained at all times unless kept within the occupant's fenced yard, according to MCASO 10570.1J. The fence must prevent the animal from exiting the yard. In cases where the fenced yard is not sufficient for this purpose, the animal must be kept on a leash inside the yard.

Cable Problems

Station residents who experience cable problems should call Electronics Maintenance Division at 253-5631 vice AFN. Although personnel are not available after working hours, residents can leave a message.

Dental Cancellation

New guidelines require service members to cancel dental appointments two hours prior to scheduled time. Servicemembers who miss their appointments or don't cancel within the allotted time are subject to disciplinary action. To cancel an appointment, call 253-3331.

CO heads up station GME fleet reduction

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff

The air station motor pool began a 10 percent garrison mobile equipment fleet reduction in July, and the station commanding officer has taken the lead.

The reduction, part of the Business Reform Initiative, will eliminate 45 vehicles from the station's 425-vehicle fleet.

"The GME reduction is in full swing right now," said CWO-2 Jose Serrano, station motor transportation officer. "It's a command-driven reduction, not a motor-t-driven reduction."

Early in the year, Headquarters Marine Corps proposed to reduce its

GME fleet by 30 percent. At a conference in May, that proposal was abandoned. Locally, as a result of the Tiger Teams, the command adopted a smaller reduction to curb costs and streamline the station's fleet.

"Thirty percent was pretty drastic," Serrano said. "It would've hurt customers and would've been hard to achieve."

The intent behind the reduction is to right size the GME fleet by eliminating items that are infrequently used, expensive to maintain or have exceeded their usage criteria, said Serrano. The goal is to make the reduction seamless to customers.

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Cloud Warrior '99 kicks off

by LCpl. Jessica Simonson
Torii Teller Staff

CAMP FUJI, Japan – Approximately 200 servicemembers from the air station began Cloud Warrior '99, dropping regular duties and picking up packs to hit the field for the 20-day field exercise.

Sleeping under stars near the base of Mount Fuji, these servicemembers became grunts, receiving Battle Skills Training as well as their military occupational specialty training.

Marines covered in cammie paint and dirt received classes, and then put their knowledge to use while patrolling and setting up defensive sites.

"The training is good because we learn what to do in a combat situation," said PFC Richard Kinser, combat engineer. "In the field we get training in our MOS — we can't set up mine fields in the streets."

These combat engineers, who

normally work on construction around the air station, don't mind getting down and dirty in the field.

"It's what I joined the Marine Corps to do," said PFC Joseph Roberts, combat engineer.

Marine Wing Support Squadron-171 personnel, as well as servicemembers from CSSD-36 and H&HS, are taking part in the exercise.

The exercise is held annually with both MWSS-171 Iwakuni and MWSS-171 out of Okinawa participating. Camp Fuji has been the site of training due to the restrictions and limited training areas for live-fire and tactical training in Iwakuni and Okinawa.

Although field training can't determine exactly how servicemembers will act under fire, they will leave the field with a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities in a combat situation.

"You'll never really know until you get there," said Roberts. "But this will help. It becomes instinct."

MWSS-171 takes cross-country drive

by LCpl. Jessica Simonson
Torii Teller Staff

CAMP FUJI, Japan — Marine Wing Support Squadron-171 hit the streets, expressways and off-roads on the way to Camp Fuji, Japan.

Motor transportation and maintenance Marines in the advanced party drove a convoy of 19 to set up prior to the arrival of the rest of the unit.

The drive up was a bumpy one. Two five-ton trucks had mechanical problems, but the group worked together quickly to get the convoy back on track. Maintenance was on hand to repair the disabled vehicles.

“We tried to fix the trailer, but couldn’t,” said Cpl. Timothy Strickland, wrecker operator of a trailer that caught on fire when the five-ton’s brakes overheated. “So we hooked it up to the crane and loaded it up on the back of a five-ton.”

After unsuccessfully attempting to repair the second vehicle, it was eventually towed back to the air station by a wrecker.

“We had to sit and wait for maintenance,” said PFC Charlie Collins. “We slept while waiting at a rest stop for nine hours for them to catch up to us.”

A six-con truck proved useful for refueling en route when a Humvee ran low on gas.

Aside from mechanical problems, operators had other things to deal with on the road.

“It was hard to stay awake,” said PFC Jeffrey Harris, motor transportation operator. “There is no music in these vehicles. All you have to do is talk to your (assistant) driver.”

The Marines spent a total of 42 hours on the road, driving in shifts and taking breaks at rest stops. While surrounded by picturesque mountains, they themselves became something to look at.

“You’ve never seen so many people with cameras,” one operator said about passengers sharing the road.

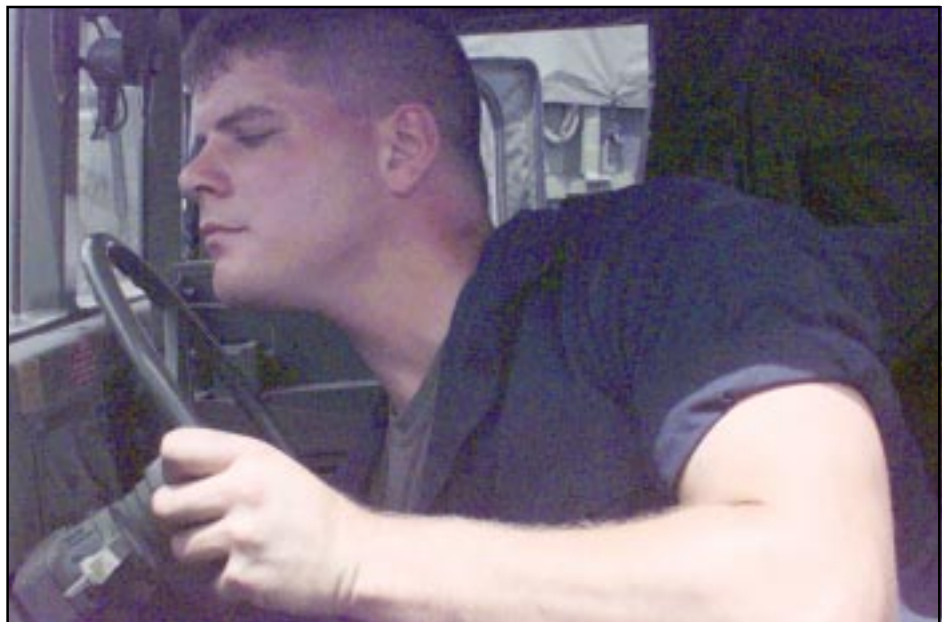
Uphill roads also proved a challenge for the five-tons and their drivers. But even after the long drive, the Marines’ job wasn’t complete.

After successfully reaching their destination, the Marines continued to lend their driving and mechanical skills to offer training support for Exercise Cloud Warrior.



photos by LCpl. Jessica Simonson

Cpl. Timothy Strickland, wrecker operator, tightens the lug nuts on a five-ton's wheel.



Cpl. Greg Schnetzle, diesel mechanic, makes a few adjustments under the dash of a Humvee at a rest area on the way to Camp Fuji, Japan.

Marine engineers build schools, relationships



photo by SSgt. Kim Price

A multi-service construction crew works to pour the concrete walls of a structure that will soon serve as a school in Santa Rosa, Bolivia. The construction crew is deployed in support of New Horizons Bolivia '99.

by Maj. Bob Thompson
CTF New Horizons Public Affairs

BOLIVIA — United States Marine combat engineers finished a new school in Camatindi, Bolivia, a week ahead of schedule and expect to have two more schools finished by mid-August.

Deployed to South America since early-May, members of Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 from Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., have been working as part of a multi-service, multi-national exercise called "New Horizons Bolivia '99."

"The Marines are working hard to complete all of the projects well ahead of schedule," said Maj. Chris Pollard, executive officer of MWSS-272 and the deputy commander of the New Horizons Bolivia '99 exercise.

"By focusing on common goals, we're training our Marines how to work together with soldiers, Sailors and airmen," said Pollard. "So we're not only building schools, we're building cooperation between the services and building friendships between nations."

Sponsored by U.S. Southern Command in Miami and U.S. Southern Air Force at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., "New Horizons" deployments are part of a series of military exercises to build military partner-

ships and improve the quality of life for people in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

By mixing the Marines together with combat engineers of the 819th RED HORSE Squadron from Malmstrom AFB, Mont., Pollard said the "New Horizons Bolivia '99" projects are achieving new levels of interservice cooperation and international success. Air Force combat engineering units are known as RED HORSE, an acronym for Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers.

"Everything is really clicking between the Airmen and the Marines," said the project manager for the Camatindi school, GySgt. Tom Passot. "These guys have pulled together to the point where they can anticipate each other's next move. That really helps to speed things up and make things safer."

Besides completing the school in Camatindi, the combat engineering team has been building a school in Santa Rosa and a school and a medical clinic in Tiguipa — all scheduled to be finished by mid-August. The team's first project — finished three weeks ahead of schedule — was smoothing 14 miles of road and building three bridge crossings between the town of Cuevo and the main highway.

The last project scheduled as part of "New Horizons Bolivia '99" is a solar-powered, freshwater drinking station at Capirenda. Scheduled to be completed by Sept. 10, a specialized well-drilling crew anticipates

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Keeping everyone in touch

by LCpl. Jessica Simonson
Torii Teller Staff

CAMP FUJI, Japan — “They can talk about us, but they can’t talk without us,” said Sgt. Lee Bayless, MWSS-171 communication platoon sergeant.

Marine Wing Support Squadron-171’s communication platoon went to work and sharpened their skills during Cloud Warrior ’99, a 20-day field exercise.

“There is only so much you can do in a controlled environment,” said Sgt. Jason Sarabia, MWSS-171 radio chief, in regard to the air station. “This is the opportunity to train on a bigger scale.

“We do this in the shop, but on a low scale,” said Sarabia. “There are hardly any problems because you have everything you need right there. The field is a different story.”

Outside the confines of the air station, where their mission is air support, these Marines quickly transformed into jacks of all trades.

“Our primary purpose in the field is retransmission,” said Cpl. William

Pendleton, MWSS-171 radio operator.

Pendleton explained that their responsibility is to ensure a radio transmission from one unit is able to reach another via a stronger signal set up in the middle.

“We usually set up vehicles with the equipment so we can get in and out of there in a hurry,” said Sarabia. “Communication is usually the first to go in a combat situation.”

Properly running equipment is important to any mission.

“Training stops without comm.,” said Bayless. “Units are stuck without us. They can’t call for close air support, artillery, MEDAVAC or supplies. They can’t do it without us.”

Because their mission is vital to the exercise, Marines working in the communications shop receive cross training.

“Out here we can trouble shoot if the system is bad,” said Sarabia. “We are constantly maintaining the equipment. If we all don’t know how to maintain and operate the equipment, we are dead in the water.”

While radio operators and technicians are setting up equipment in the field, Marines in the rear man radios and listen for any word.

“We wait here for any personnel who need MEDEVAC,” said Bayless, watch officer in the base camp communications shop. “When someone gets hurt, they contact us so we can notify the hospital and let them know the injured person is coming.”

In addition to training each other on their respective jobs, these Marines served as instructors for those participating in the exercise. Each squad was assigned a PRC-119 radio and taught correct procedure for using it.

“They need to learn how to use radios,” said Pendleton. “If we go to war, and something happens to us, they have to know what to do.”

Communication Marines will also receive training on encryption -- speaking in a secure voice. It is their chance to learn what is done in the fleet, said Bayless.

The training is especially beneficial for the younger Marines.

“I went straight from school to the field. I’ve learned more in the shop and in the field than in my time at school,” said LCpl. Robert Ritter, radio technician.

Where are we?

Cpl. Corey Atwood, Marine Control Squadron-4 radar electrical technician, and his fire team plan a course of action during the land navigation training evolution of Exercise Cloud Warrior ’99 at Camp Fuji, Japan, July 27.

The day of training was the first of five days in the field patrolling, practicing offensive and defensive tactics and land navigation.



photo by LCpl. Jessica Simonson



photo by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn

Air terminal personnel work on unloading a conveyor belt destined for the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. The delivery was one of the larger ones performed by the terminal here at 796 inches in length — protruding 245 inches off its pallet.

Colossal cargo conveyed through cooperation

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff

Personnel from air freight, passenger services and the Air Terminal Operations Center teamed up recently to get an unusually large shipment deplaned.

The three sections combined their efforts Jul. 26 to draw a conveyor belt from the belly of a C-5 Galaxy so it could be sent on to the U.S.S. *Kitty Hawk* on a ship.

The conveyor belt, measuring 66 feet long, extended more than 20 feet from the last of the five pallets it rested on.

"This is really unique because we don't usually deal with something that big," said GySgt. Carlos Feliciano, air terminal staff non-

commissioned officer-in-charge.

"It's one of the largest objects we've received while I've been here," agreed LCpl. Edwin Izaguirre, acting non-commissioned officer-in-charge of air freight, who has been here a year.

"It took all of the Marines' effort in the terminal as well as on the flight line, our Japanese workers and the crew from the C-5," Izaguirre said.

The task also required the use of a piece of machinery called a K-loader.

With the K-loader's metal rollers in place, the team was able to slide the conveyor belt into place.

The job was just part of the hard work personnel in the section knock out every day, Feliciano said.

"We're all working hard to accom-

plish the mission given us," he said. "I really appreciate the hard work of the Marines and the civilians."

Such projects are products of the cooperation and teamwork of every section at the terminal, according to Izaguirre.

"All sections combine to get the job done," he said. "We make sure aircraft that come in that aren't fighters are taken care of."

The station's terminal, among a handful of Air Mobility Command terminals operated solely by Marines, runs smoothly due to the commitment of its workers, said Izaguirre.

"The people at the terminal are very hard-working people," he said. "We really hope residents out there appreciate the job we're doing."

ISC is first line of defense against computer problems

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff

When computer problems disrupt the workplace, many people don't know where to go. Calling the Information Systems Management Office may seem like a viable solution, but it isn't the best way to go.

"Your unit Information Systems Coordinator is the first line of defense in troubleshooting all your computer needs," said Kim Oxendine, ISMO security chief and primary instructor, citing a phrase coined by CWO-3 David Stephens, the Information Systems Management Officer. "The ISC can determine the nature of the problem before it even reaches us. They may even be able to solve the problem."

Almost 100 ISCs throughout the station service computers, with tasks ranging from setting up e-mail profiles on new users' computers to troubleshooting. Customers should contact their ISC rather than calling ISMO, according to Oxendine.

"I want to put emphasis on the fact that the customer contacts the ISC and the ISC contacts the ISMO."

Kim Oxendine

"I want to put emphasis on the fact that the customer contacts the ISC and the ISC contacts the ISMO," she said. "Customers need to understand we're only going to talk to the ISC." With more than 1,100 customers across the station ISMO could not perform as it does without the support of the ISCs. The ISC performs a two-fold mission: sup-

porting the local customer, as well as assisting ISMO.

For most ISCs, the duty is added to their primary job. Generally tasks can be balanced, but sometimes computer difficulties can consume a lot of an ISC's time.

"It can take a lot away from my regular duties," said Sgt. Trenton Huddleston, operations non-commissioned officer and ISC for the finance office. "Sometimes, that's half my day."

Personnel at the ISMO, realizing the difficulties involved in being an ISC, try to make the job worthwhile.

"We try to show the ISC's appreciation," said Oxendine. "We provide coffee and cookies at the monthly meeting and now give out letters of appreciation for those who have gone above and beyond."

Information Systems Coordinators realize the mission of ISMO and are generally glad to lend a hand.

"From our end, it's probably not significant," said MSgt. Chris Clark, station ordnance chief and ISC for ordnance, regarding the difference ISCs make. "From ISMO's end, I can see how it would be crucial to them."

"ISMO makes it real easy on us," he said.

Green Thumbs Up

Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon Schroth and his wife Debbie receive the Yard of the Month Award for Monzen Area from Cmdr. Anthony Ermovick, facilities officer, and Ed Fancher, housing director July 29.

CWO-3 David Stephens and his wife Marcie received the award for Northside.

The Yard of the Month Award is given to station residents whose care and upkeep of lawns is exceptional.



photo by Cpl. Michael Wiener

Compare, save with price match program

by SSgt. Michelle Smith
Press Chief

The Marine Corps Exchange has a Price Match Guarantee Program that assures they will match a competitor's advertised price on any identical item for the customer who makes the challenge.

According to a flyer on the program, a competitor is identified as the Navy Exchange or Army Air Force Exchange Service doing business in Japan. The competitor's advertisement must show the inclusive current dates of the promotion, identify the merchandise as the same brand, manufacturer and model number as the item carried by the Marine Corps Exchange and be sponsored by either a NEX or AAFES operating in Japan.

The way the program works is a customer sees an item advertised in a NEX or AAFES (Japan based) circular, the customer can take the flyer to the exchange and receive the identical item at the lower cost. Additionally, if a patron buys an item from the MCX and within 30 days of the purchase sees the same item advertised at a lower cost, the patron may bring either the receipt or the item and receive the price adjustment. This includes items in an MCX flyer, local MCX promotion or event and any lower price advertised by a local competitor.

The program however, excludes red tag and clearance merchandise.

The program does not match red tag and clearance merchandise, commercial mail order catalog prices, AAFES or NEX mail order catalog prices, commissary, BXMart, PXMart and CX prices, nor does it match percent and dollar off items, gasoline, special orders, alcohol or tobacco prices.

For more information on the Exchange's Price Match Guarantee Program call the Marine Corps Exchange at 253-5641.



photo by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn

On Watch

LCpl. Alex Torres, crash crewman, sits on the cab as he, LCpl. James Stewart and Pvt. Daniel Derck, also crash crewmen, watch the flightline for possible emergencies.

Opinion/Editorial

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blocks from the JCI place. Now we were saved!

"We do not have the part in stock here," said the cashier. "But if you drive about one hour from here ..."

What? OK, Plan B will work. My wife can just give them a good 'feel sorry for us' story to help us pass the inspection. We tried and were told to come back when the light reflector was fixed.

I could have saved an entire day of grief by simply using the facilities provided here. The Service Station takes special care in this area by offering an initial JCI inspection, repair day, final check and a fourth check if more repairs are needed. There is a person who comes 2-3 times a month to inspect the vehicles and give them clean bills of health. All I had to do was call 253-4245 to get it all started.

Moral of the story — use the support facilities offered and read the *Torii Teller*. And oh yeah, listen to your ... um ... uhhh ... wife.

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With the mission accomplished, the station will save about \$38,313 every year, according to Serrano. Cost savings come from decreased expenses for maintenance and fuel.

The reduction will be conducted in three phases, and scheduled for completion in August 2000.

First, the "low hanging fruit" will be collected, according to Serrano. Voluntarily turned-in vehicles as well as items exceeding age or usage criteria that are infrequently used will go.

"We had one vehicle and went ahead and turned it in," said SSgt. Michael Daley, staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge of detachment 3, special security communications team. To compensate for the loss, Daley plans to use a vehicle from the motor pool's "C" pool or borrow one from within his command.

"I'd urge everyone to look closely at their assets to see if they can consolidate them or redistribute within the command," he said.

The second phase is rounding up vehicles used in the Gulf war, called Southwest Asia vehicles. Since they are leftovers from the war, they aren't in the motor pool's table of equipment and they all exceed their usage criteria, according to Serrano.

Since Col. Richard Dunn, station CO, has a SWA vehicle, he is volunteering it for turn-in, setting an

example for units around the station.

Phase three revolves around a procurement plan for fiscal year 2000. It will provide a pool of replacement vehicles while phasing into the reduction.

Throughout the process, Serrano wants to continue to keep customers on the road. Vehicles in the "C" pool are available to be used on a checkout basis. Rather than merely downsizing the fleet, personnel at the motor pool are ready to fit customers with vehicles more suited for the tasks they perform.

"One of the things we're pushing for is to get the right vehicle for the right customer," said Serrano. "I want to tailor vehicle needs for each customer to get better vehicle usage. It's not balanced right now."

"Chief Warrant Officer Serrano has really been a team player on this," said Ed Fancher, housing director, who exchanged a van for a pick-up to better suit his job.

Ed Fancher

"We have services we have to provide to the community that we'll keep in mind as we try to reduce, but we'll do our part to accommodate the requirement."

"We worked it out together so it helped the reduction, and housing was able to continue its mission."

The CO taking the lead has inspired further scrutiny toward finding more efficient ways to operate here.

"It certainly prompts me to take a hard look at what our needs are," said Fancher regarding Dunn's example. "We have services we have to provide to the community that we'll keep in mind as we try to reduce, but we'll do our part to accommodate the requirement."

To volunteer a vehicle, call the motor pool at 253-3944.

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reaching a depth of 1,100 feet after completing a 1,049-foot deep well at El Agondonal this week.

At work since July 9, the engineering team at Santa Rosa poured more than 42 cubic yards of concrete to form the walls of the new school-house on July 22.

"When we pour the walls, we try to leap frog around the whole structure to keep it even as possible," said Cpl. Jonathan Sensenig. "We fill up two to four feet in one spot and then move to another. This helps us prevent any blowouts."

Before the construction began, Sensenig surveyed the site for the school and modified the blueprints for the new building.

"I got some practice with the computer-aided-drafting program when we decided to change some of

the walls from 8 inches to 6 inches thick," said Sensenig.

Besides providing training to the construction crews, the "New Horizons" exercise has deployed three different medical teams to the "Chaco" region. Providing free treatments to more than 11,000 Bolivian patients, the medical teams finished their last clinic in Villamontes on July 13, after visiting the communities of Boyuibe, Cuevo, Camiri and Tiguiipa.

"I was able to help out with one of the free clinics," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Alex Palomar, a U.S. Navy corpsman assigned to MWSS-272.

"We treated over 500 sick people in one day. It was a great experience. And as a first for me, I helped to deliver a new-born baby boy into the world."

Palomar also works alongside the combat engineers pouring concrete

and building the projects.

"As a medic, I don't have a lot to do unless somebody gets injured, so I help out with the construction work, too," he said. "Because the crew is so safety conscious, there only have been very minor injuries. I've treated a couple of small lacerations and a couple of folks have smashed a finger here and there, but nothing serious."

Working side-by-side with the Bolivian Army's security guards at the project sites and base camp, the U.S. combat engineers and support troops say they are enjoying a warm welcome from the Bolivian people.

"I like being in Bolivia," said Cpl. Germar Reed. "I've met a lot of nice people here in Santa Rosa and in Boyuibe. It makes me feel pretty good to do anything that helps out the kids who watch us work."

Fireworks (Kintai Bridge area)

A fireworks display will be held at the Kintai Bridge Saturday from 8-9:30 p.m. during the Nishiki River Water Festival.

Hiroshima Carp bring piece of American life to Japan

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

The dog days of summer are heating up, and time is running out to enjoy America's pastime — in Japan.

Nestled in downtown Hiroshima, the Hiroshima Civic Stadium is the playing field for the boys of summer, and catching a game is as simple as catching a routine fly ball.

Baseball in Japan is the same as baseball in the United States — nine innings, six outs per inning, power pitchers, home-run hitters and even the occasional umpire abuse, so the language barrier shouldn't discourage residents from enjoying the summer classic. Even though it may be impossible to comprehend the Japanese announcer over the loud speaker, following the game is as easy as watching the Yankees beat up the Red Sox.

The major difference in Japanese baseball is the typical fan support. From the first pitch to the last out, the bleachers are filled with cheering and jeering fans who make the Bleacher Bums of Wrigley look like a Martha Stewart fan club.

Megaphones, "clappers" and even cheerleaders keep the level of noise in the stadium to a dull roar at the least, even between innings. Slyly, the Carp mascot who looks suspiciously like the Philadelphia Phillies mascot, entertains the crowd during breaks in the action.

Although you won't find loud vendors marching up the aisles with hot dogs, peanuts and Cracker Jacks, food is as much of a part of Japanese baseball as it is in the states. French fries, udon noodles, yakisoba and other Japanese treats are sold by vendors and at concession stands.

An easy way to find the Carp is by



photo by Cpl. Michael Wiener

It's not David Cone throwing another perfect game, but the Hiroshima Carp can provide as much baseball excitement as major league ballplayers in the states.

taking the train from Iwakuni to Hiroshima Station, then the bus to Peace Memorial Park. The stadium is located across the street from the north end of Peace Memorial Park.

Ticket prices vary according to seat location. The "cheap seats," or outfield bleachers, sell for 1,500 yen and are first come first serve. Premium seats behind home plate cost 3,200 yen.

Children under the age of 6 are allowed to sit in nonreservation seats at no charge, provided they are accompanied and cheer for the home team.

Information, Tours and Travel has information on game dates and times, and often schedules trips for residents. Their next trip is scheduled for Aug. 29. Call 253-4377 for more information.

Sports Briefs

Main Gym Renovations

The Indoor Pool and men's and women's locker rooms will be closed for renovation Aug. 23 through Sept. 22. The pool and lockers will be inaccessible. Patrons with rental lockers are encouraged to remove items from their lockers by Aug. 22. A limited number of day lockers will be available.

Running Club Run

The Running Club will take a challenging 15K run up a mountain Aug. 14. The run is open to SOFA, JMSDF, IHA and MLC personnel ages 6 and older. Call 253-6359 to register.

All Marine Boxers

The Athletics Office is accepting resumes for All-Marine boxers. Resumes are due by Aug. 15. All-Marine Boxing camp is scheduled for Oct. 3-8 at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Learn to Swim

Registration is ongoing for this summer's final session of Learn to Swim lessons. Session Four takes place weekdays, Aug. 9-20. Instruction is offered for all age groups and skill levels. There is a fee. For more information call 253-5520.

Ladies Bowling League

A ladies' bowling league is forming at the Southside Lanes. Register at the front desk. Players will meet Aug. 25, 6 p.m., with bowling following immediately.

Youth Soccer

Youth Soccer Registration is underway at the Youth Center for youth ages 5-12. Registration ends Sept. 3 and is followed by a skills test. Call 253-5729 for information.

Friday

9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Shining Time Station
 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
 3:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
 4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 The Simpsons (TV-PG)
 7:30 The Hughleys (TV-PG)
 8:00 Star Trek: Voyager (TV-PG)
 9:00 X-Files (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Saturday

0:35 ESPNNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 On the Waterfront (TV-PG)
 3:10 Movies 'til Dawn
 Till Death do us Part (TV-PG)
 5:00 Today Show
 7:00 Sesame Street Specials
 7:30 Puzzle Place
 8:00 Disney's 101 Dalmations
 8:30 Disney's Hercules
 9:00 Rugrats
 9:30 New Ghostwriter Mysteries
 10:00 Discover Magazine
 11:00 Hometown (TV-PG)
 11:30 California's Gold
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
 1:00 NASCAR (ESPN)
 2:00 NASCAR (ESPN)
 4:00 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
 5:00 Soul Train
 6:00 Headline News
 6:30 ESPNNews
 7:00 Beverly Hills 90210 (TV-14)
 8:00 CBS/Time: People of the Century
 9:00 20/20 Friday
 10:00 Headline News
 10:30 ESPNNews
 11:00 Saturday Night Live (TV-14)

Sunday

12:30 Videolink
 1:00 NASCAR (ESPN)
 2:00 NASCAR Winston Cup (ABC)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Hours of Power
 6:30 Breakthrough
 7:00 Taking Authority '98
 7:30 Day of Discovery

8:00 Bear in the Big Blue House (TV-Y)
 8:30 Reading Rainbow
 9:00 Promised Land (TV-PG)
 10:00 NFL (FOX) Pre-season
 1:00 Family Movie
 An American Tail (TV-G)
 3:00 Headline News
 3:30 Army Newswatch
 4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess (TV-PG)
 5:00 Computer Chronicles
 5:30 Wall Street Journal Report
 6:00 Headline News
 6:30 ESPNNews
 7:00 Kids Say the Darndest Things (TV-G)
 7:30 Candid Camera (TV-G)
 8:00 Primetime Movie
 Primal Fear (TV-14)
 10:00 Headline News
 10:30 Pensacola: Wings of Gold
 11:30 Austin City Limits

Monday

12:30 America's Black Forum
 1:00 WNBA (NBC)
 3:00 MLSoccer (ABC)
 5:00 Racing: CART (ABC)
 7:00 Racing: Hydroplane (ESPN2)
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Big Bag
 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Headline News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 All Dogs Go to Heaven
 3:30 Superman
 4:00 Journey of Allen Strange
 4:30 Kenan and Kel
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 60 Minutes
 8:00 Sports Night (TV-14)
 8:30 The King of Queens (TV-PG)
 9:00 The Practice (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Tuesday

0:35 ESPNNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Topaz (TV-PG)
 3:20 Movies 'til Dawn
 Death of a Cheerleader (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News

8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
 10:30 Co-Ed Training
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Space Gools (TV-G)
 3:30 SquiggleVision
 4:00 Nick News
 4:30 Scholastic Sports America
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 NFL AFC/NFC Hall of Fame (ABC)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Wednesday

12:35 ESPNNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Frenzy (TV-PG)
 3:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Beverly Hills Cop (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Shining Time Station
 10:30 Bodyshaping
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Disney's The Little Mermaid
 3:30 Gargoyles
 4:00 Hang Time
 4:30 Legends of Hidden Temple
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (TV-PG)
 7:30 Boy Meets World (TV-PG)
 8:00 Dawson's Creek (TV-14)
 9:00 Ally McBeal (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Thursday

0:35 ESPNNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Strangers on a Train (TV-PG)
 2:55 Movies 'til Dawn
 Gotti (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News

5:30 ESPNNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
 10:30 Co-Ed Training
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Animaniacs
 3:30 Pokemon (TV-G)
 4:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (TV-PG)
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Friends (TV-PG)
 7:30 Jesse (TV-PG)
 8:00 Frasier (TV-PG)
 8:35 Will and Grace (TV-14)
 9:00 NYPD Blue (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Friday

12:35 ESPNNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 North by Northwest (TV-PG)
 3:30 Movies 'til Dawn
 The Purple Rose of Cairo (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Shining Time Station
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Movies

Sakura Theater**A Midsummer's Night Dream (PG-13)**

Rated PG-13 for some sexual content

Aug. 6, 7 p.m.; Aug. 7, 4 p.m.; Aug. 8, 3 p.m.; Aug. 10, 7 p.m.

It all begins when Hermia and Lysander flee deep into the forest to escape Hermia's father, Egeus, who wishes Hermia to marry Demetrius. Demetrius himself bicycles into the woods to follow his true love Hermia. Demetrius is soon followed by yet another desperate lover: Helena, who adores Demetrius but finds her affections dreadfully unrequited. Chaos ensues when the trickster Puck (Stanley Tucci) administers a secret love potion-causing the lovers to mix-and-match with outrageous results.

Entrapment (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for some language, sensuality, violence and drug content

Aug. 6, 10 p.m.; Aug. 7, 7 p.m.; Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

An insurance investigator convinces her boss that only she can set the trap to catch legendary gentleman thief Robert MacDougal, by posing as a master thief herself. As their mutual attraction "and distrust"

grows, they plan a breathtaking heist on the eve of the new millennium.

Election (R)

Rated R for strong sexuality, sex related dialogue and language, and a scene of drug use

Aug. 7, 10 p.m.; Aug. 8, 7 p.m.; Aug. 11, 7 p.m.

Jim McAllister is a popular teacher and student government adviser who loves making a difference in his students' lives. He's been named "Teacher of the Year" three times during his 12 years at George Washington Carver High, but he's about to put it all on the line — his reputation, his career — for a student election. As campaign fever sets in, the lines between right and wrong grow increasingly blurry and Jim's life, both in school and out, begins to spin out of control.

Muppet Treasure Island (G)

Rated G for family.

Aug. 11, 2 p.m.

Armageddon (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for sci-fi disaster

action, sensuality and brief language

Iwakuni's Theaters**Kokusai:**

July 30 - beginning of December

"Star Wars Episode I" - 9 a.m.,

11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m.,

7 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:30 p.m.

New Central I:

Aug. 6-13

"The Mummy" - 6:20 p.m.

New Central II:

July 30 - end of August

No English Movies

New Central III:

July 30 - end of August

No English Movies

Local



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. Closed meetings are held each Sunday, 7 p.m. A "for women only" open meeting is held the last Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. All meetings are held in Bldg. 497, second floor. For more information call 43-4814.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions Tobacco Cessation Courses

Tobacco Cessation classes will be held Wednesday, Aug. 13, 18 and 20. Courses are held in the clinic conference room, 10-11 a.m. Participants must attend all four sessions. For more information call 253-3266.

Controlling Cholesterol Course

A "Controlling Cholesterol Course" will be offered Aug. 27 in the clinic conference room. This class will help participants understand what cholesterol is, how to reduce it and the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise. For more information call 253-3266.

EDIS

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, a division of the Branch Medical Clinic, provides a variety of free services for children ages birth to 36 months. Professionals are available to screen and evaluate children's social, motor, communication, cognitive and self-help development and to provide any necessary treatment. For more information call EDIS at 253-4562.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is offering Babysitting Training for youth ages 11 and older, Aug. 28-29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The course teaches skills in caring for and supervising children, First Aid, dealing with emergencies and good business practices through hands-on activities and discussion. The course fee includes a safety kit and handbook. Registration is required. For more information call 253-4525.

Vacation Bible School

Faith Baptist Church will be holding Vacation Bible School Aug. 16-30, 9-11:30 a.m. The school is open for 2 year olds through children in the sixth grade. Transportation will be provided upon request. To sign up or for more information call Marie Serrano at 253-2340.

Consignment Sales Shop Open Hours

The Consignment Sales Shop, located on the second floor of Crossroads Mall, is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 4-7:30 p.m. The shop is part of the Enlisted Spouses Club and

supports the community with donations and scholarships. Consignments and donations are accepted during operating hours or in the drop box after working hours. For more information call 253-4721.

Assistant Manager Needed

The Consignment Sales Shop is looking for an assistant manager to work a minimum of 15 hours/week. Remaining hours will be volunteer hours. Childcare is not reimbursed. Position is open to all qualified applicants. Stop by the Consignment Sales Shop during operating hours for an application, or call Arlette Walls at 253-4721 during working hours or 253-2637 after working hours. All applications must be in by Aug. 15.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides interest-free loans or grants for Navy and Marine Corps members and their families to meet their immediate needs. Navy Relief also offers budget counseling, spouse tuition aid, and layette packages for newborns. They cannot pay for vacations, nonessentials and fines/legal expenses. Assistance is from donated dollars and based on need. For more information call 253-5311. The office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments requested, walk-ins welcome.

Marine Corps Community Services Summer Reading Closing Ceremony

The Station Library's Summer Reading Program concludes Aug. 18. A closing ceremony takes place Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. in the Station Library, Bldg. 210. Call 253-3078 for more information.

Summer Matinee Movies

The Sakura Theater shows matinee movies on Wednesday and Thursdays at 2 p.m. throughout the summer. The 8mm-format films are rated G on Wednesdays and PG-13 on Thursdays. The concession stand is open both days. Call 253-6184 for more information.

R.B. Stone Concerts

Country artist R.B. Stone will present concerts Aug. 19 at the Tomodachi Club, Aug. 20 at Officers' Club and Aug. 21 for all ranks at the MAC Dome, 7:30 p.m.-midnight. Beverages will be available starting at 7 a.m. The concerts are free.

Self Esteem Class

The New Parent Support Program and Community Programs will hold a lunchtime seminar Aug. 20, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 106. This class is free and is open to everyone. For information and to register call 253-6553.

TAMP and TAP Seminar

This four-day seminar, held Aug. 24-27, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 226, combines the Department of Defense mandatory pre-separation briefing (TAMP) and the Department of Labor job search seminar (TAP). Military personnel and their spouses are encouraged to attend. All personnel regardless of rank, years of service, or type of discharge are required to attend no

later than 90 days prior to discharge.

Parent Training

The second session of Daddy's Baby Boot Camp and Mom's Basic Training will be held Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 120. This class is free and is open to both the military and civilian community. For more information and to register call 253-6553.

Local and Federal Employment Workshop

A Local and Federal Employment Workshop will be held Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 203. This workshop explains air station's job market and the application processes. For more information call the Career Resource Management Center at 253-6439 or stop by Bldg. 210, Rm. 203.

Basic Resume Workshop

A Basic Resume Workshop, held Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m. focuses on identifying skills, training and experiences that translate to marketable job qualifications. Resume formats and how to determine which is best will be discussed. For more information call the Career Resource Management Center at 253-6439.

Veterans' Benefits Briefing

A Veterans' Benefits Briefing, which will be held Aug. 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 226-B, explains various benefits offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. For details call the Career Resource Management Center at 253-6439.

Marine Corps Reserve Forces Briefing

The Marine Corps Reserve Forces transition recruiter will visit the air station monthly to explain the options and benefits of transitioning to the reserve program after active military service. The next visit is Aug. 25, 10-11:20 a.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 226-B. Individual appointments are available. For more information call the Career Resource Management Center at 253-6439.

DoD National School Lunch Program

MCCS's Personal Services Division is accepting applications for the Department of Defense National School Lunch Program for School Year 1999/2000. The application form is available at the Personal Services Division, Bldg. 210, Rm. 232. For details call 253-3070.

Savings/Basic Investing Workshop

There will be a Savings/Basic Investing Workshop held on Thursday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Rm. 227, Bldg. 210. Feel free to bring your lunch. Call 253-6352 for more information.

Education



Troy State University

Term I Registration

Troy State University will conduct Term I registration for its master of science in management degree program Aug. 16-27. Term I schedule includes MAN 6665 and MAN 6675. Courses are taught in the evenings or on weekends by on-site faculty. For more information call

Chapel's Weekly Services

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Mass (Chapel Annex)
8:15 a.m.	Liturgical Worship Service (Chapel Annex)
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
10 a.m.	Church of Christ Lay Leader Service (Chapel Annex, Rm. 103)
10:15 a.m.	C.C.D. (Chapel Annex)
	Gospel Sunday School (M.C. Perry Elementary School, Rm. 423B)
10:30 a.m.	Protestant Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
12 p.m.	Gospel Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
12:30 p.m.	Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (Chapel Annex)
2:15 p.m.	Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints Sacrament (Chapel Annex)

Call 253-5218 for more information.

For information on Jewish Services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station chapel.

253-6051 or stop by Bldg. 210, Rm. 126.

Information Session

Troy State University will host an information session on its master of science in management Wednesday, 5 p.m. at the Education Office. The presentation will be made by Dr. Greg Von Lehmen of the TSU Pacific Regional Office. Registration for the Fall I Term starts Aug. 16. If you have questions about the TSU master's in management, this is an opportunity to get some answers.

Test Schedule

Tuesdays	- College Level Examination Program
	- DANTES Subject Standardized Test
Aug. 18	- ACT Examination
Aug. 19	- Scholastic Assessment Test
Aug. 25	- Defense Language Aptitude Battery
	- Defense Language Proficiency Test
	- Electronics Data Processing Test
Aug. 27	- Armed Forces Classification Test
For more information call 253-3855.	

School Supplies List

The 1999-2000 school year supplies list can be found posted on the bulletin board next to the Main Office at the elementary school or on the commissary bulletin board. People who would like a copy can stop by the Main Office. For more information call 253-3447.

Central Texas College

Central Texas College will be holding registration for Term I Monday through Aug. 20. Classes offered include CDEC, LAWE, AVMT, MGMT, MISC, FPRT. For more information call 253-3484 or stop by Bldg. 210.